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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG IMMEDIATE

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SUBJ: RICHARD SAUNDERS GUIDANCE

FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE MISSION DRAWING UPON IN RESPONDING TO
PRESS INQUIRIES:

1. Q. WHAT HAS EMBASSY DONE ABOUT SAUNDERS INCIDENTS IN
DURBAN?

A. EMBASSY HAS OFFICIALLY PROTESTED TREATMENT THEY RECEIVED.

W. Q. WHO IN EMBASSY PROTESTED?

A. THE AMBASSADOR.

E. Q. HOW DID HE PROTEST?

A. THE AMBASSADOR LODGED BOTH AN ORAL AND WRITTEN PROTEST.

4. Q. TO WHOM AND WHEN DID HE TAKE THIS ACTION?

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A. YESTERDAY AMBASSADOR MADE AN ORAL PROTEST TO DEPUTY

SECRETARY VAN DALSEN AT DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN ABSENCE OF BOTH MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THIS MORNING A WRITTEN PROTEST WAS DELIVERED TO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

5. Q. WHAT WAS NATURE OF PROTEST?

A. IT PROTESTED TREATMENT ACCORDED MR. AND MRS. SAUNDERS AT BLUE WATERS HOTEL.

6. Q. WHAT WAS PRECISE LANGUAGE OF PROTEST?

A. I AM UNABLE TO GO BEYOND WHAT I HAVE JUST SAID ON THE NATURE OF THE PROTEST.

7. Q. WHAT IS MR. SAUNDERS' DIPLOMATIC STATUS?

A. MR. SAUNDERS IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

8. Q. WHAT TYPE OF PASSPORT DO THE SAUNDERS HOLD?

A. I REALLY DON'T KNOW AT THIS TIME BECAUSE THE SAUNDERS ARE TRAVELLING. AS I SAID, MR. SAUNDERS IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HERE ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
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